

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial Number: New Application

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For: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE OF A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE AGENT, AND THE PREPARATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 22, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and line 4, please insert the following:

This application is a U.S. national stage of International Application PCT/FI00/00710, filed August 22, 2000 and published on March 1, 2001 in the English language.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 8-16 as follows:

8. (New) A composition for controlled release of a biologically active agent from a carrier, wherein the biologically active agent is heparin or a related biologically active acidic polysaccharide,